

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action issued April 10, 2008. Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-12, 14-17, 19, and 20 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive. The title is commensurate with the preamble and scope of the claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the title is descriptive.

Claims 7, 9, 13, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to provide a consistent relationship between an initiative and the activities pertaining to implementation of the initiative. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 7, 9, 13, and 18 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Remenyi, et al. Independent Claims 1, 11, and 16 recite in general an ability to categorize the activities so that like activities are assessed against each other and determine which activities within a particular category are to be funded in accordance with the applied strategic value ratings. By contrast, the Remenyi, et al. publication fails to assess activities pertaining to an initiative within a particular category in order to identify which activity is to be pursued within the initiative. The Remenyi, et al. publication merely assigns weights and scores to predetermined criteria for separate systems and identifies the system with the highest cumulative score. As a result, the Remenyi, et al. publication fails to assess like

activities pertaining to an initiative as required by the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 are not anticipated by the Remenyi, et al. publication.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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